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REMARKS

Applicant notes that a teleconference was conducted on October 2, 2003 between the Examiner and Applicant's undersigned representative. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's helpful comments and suggestions made during the teleconference.

Applicant notes that this Amendment cancels claims 1-6 and 34 as recommended by the Examiner during the teleconference, in order to allow the case. As further recommended by the Examiner, claim 24 is amended by this Amendment to reinsert "*a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group*" which was mistakenly deleted from the claim in the Amendment filed herein on August 6, 2003.

Claims 7-13 and 24-34 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claim 24 has been amended to more particularly define the invention. Claims 1-6, 14-23 and 34 have been canceled.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 7-13 and 24-33 are allowed. As noted above, by this Amendment, claims 1-6 and 34 are canceled. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7-13 and 24-23, all of the claims presently pending in this application, are in condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 7-13 and 24-33, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: 1/14/04

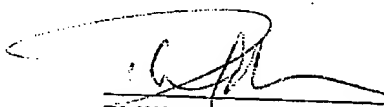


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I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment was filed by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Examiner Marie Yamnitzky, Group Art Unit # 1774 at fax number (703) 872-9306 this 14th day of January, 2004.



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